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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Official Action of June 30, 2008, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on September 30, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objections and rejection in view of the herein and contained amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the title are contained on page 2 of this paper:

Amendments to the abstract are contained on page 3 of this paper:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 4 of this paper:

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper: